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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO HOUSE PASSAGE SECURITY AS-
SISTANCE BILL.

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1. U.S. MISSION SHOULD INFORMALLY TALK ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES WITH TURKISH AND OTHER PERMREPS AS APPROPRIATE IN RE-
SPONSE TO TURKISH DELEGATION LETTER COVERING TURKISH MFA
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STATEMENT REGARDING DEFEAT OF FINDLEY MOTION.

2. THE UNITED STATES MISSION DOES NOT CONCUR IN THE TURK-
ISH DELEGATION'S INTERPRETATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
INTRODUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT DEFEAT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRES-
ENTATIVES OF THE FINDLEY MOTION RELATING TO FY 78 SECURITY
ASSISTANCE BILL AND BELIEVES IT MAY BE USEFUL TO BRING THE

FOLLOWING POINTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PERMREPS. PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE RECOMMITTED THE BILL TO COMMITTEE WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT IT CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO PERMIT THE PRESIDENT TO SUSPEND SECTION 620(X) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT TO ALLOW TURKEY TO MEET ITS NATO OBLIGATIONS OR FOR OVERRIDING U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FINDLEY AMENDMENT. THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED ONLY VERY BRIEF DEBATE SINCE IT WAS ESSENTIALLY OF A PROCEDURAL NATURE. AT THE TIME IT WAS CONSIDERED, ALL OTHER WORK ON THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION BILL HAD BEEN COMPLETED IN THE HOUSE, EXCEPT FOR FINAL VOTE. THE ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT REQUESTED SUCH BROAD AUTHORITY AND NEITHER SUPPORTED NOR OPPOSED THE AMENDMENT. THE ISSUE AS POSED BY FINDLEY DID NOT REALLY INVOLVE A CLEAR-CUT QUESTION OF SUPPORT OR NON-SUPPORT FOR UNRESTRICTED SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT CONCUR IN THE TURKISH ANALYSIS THAT ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR FINDLEY AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE ASSURED ITS PASSAGE. WE THINK IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF APPROVING MOST OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAMS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY IN 1978. VANCE

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